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1. LATEST ISSUE OF GOVERNMENT GAZETTE CONTAINS NOTICE DECLARING CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE'S (CI) " FOURTH REPORT ON DETENTION UNDER THE TERRORISM ACT". WHICH WAS PUBLISHED OCTOBER 1975, TO BE UNDESIRABLE UNDER TERMS OF PUBLICATIONS ACT. AS IS USUAL, NO REASONS GIVEN FOR BANNING. FIRST THREE REPORTS ON DETENTIONS, WHICH WERE PUBLISHED BY NOW-DISBANDED PROGRAM FOR SOCIAL CHANGE, WERE BANNED PREVIOUSLY.

2. CI ALSO IN NEWS FOR POINTING OUT THAT ALTHOUGH MANY WHITES ATTENDED SERVICES DURING NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER JAN 7 (PARA 3 REFTEL) MILLIONS OF BLACKS IGNORED CEREMONIES. CI CAPE TOWN DIRECTOR QUOTED AS SAYING IN THIS REGARD " WE MUST ALL THINK VERY DEEPLY ABOUT THAT AND CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR PEACE WITHIN OUR COUNTRY IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THERE CAN BE NO PEACE WITHOUT JUSTICE." IN SIMILAR VEIN, ANGLICAN DEAN OF JOHANNESBURG, REV DESMOND TUTU, SAID POOR ATTENDANCE BY BLACKS WAS PROBABLY CAUSED BY FACT THAT THEY FELT THEY HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH DEFENSE
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